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Soviet Production and Export
of Platinum Group Metals

Very little information is available on the production of the platinum group metals in the USSR. Production of platinum at the present time is probably within the range of 400,000 to 600,000 troy ounces per year, and production of palladium may be of similar magnitude. Estimates of the output of rhodium and irridium are not possible on the basis of the scanty information available.

In 1961, the USSR exported an estimated 200,000 troy ounces of platinum and an estimated 300,000 troy ounces of palladium. In 1962, the USSR sold approximately 300,000 troy ounces of platinum and an estimated 300,000 ounces of palladium. Nothing is known about sales of rhodium and irridium, if any.

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